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VOICE FROM
HEAVEN"



MATT 28:19

The Church of God Evangel



MARK 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN



MESSAGE OF AUTUMN

By Elva Horsman

The loveliness of Autumn time is here,
With Nature's brilliant foliage everywhere.
Now for departed grandeur shed a tear,
As golden garments fall from trees stripped bare.

The usefulness of flower and leaf is o'er,
Back to the soil they go from whence they came;
The power that brought them forth from endless store,
Doth mingle many forms to be the same.

Now nature dwells in peace and solitude,
To find new life and with her source commune;
For from this time of rest must come new food,
As vanished glory o'er the earth is strewn;

For freely doth she let go of her past,
To turn again to God who is her source,
And knows the outer shell can never last,
So will not on its ashes waste remorse.

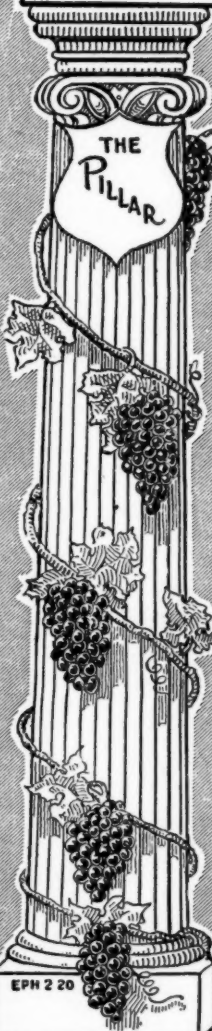
Why can not man this valued lesson learn,
And cling not to that which he should release;
Or over dying embers fondly yearn,
But from within seek healing rest and peace?

Room must be made for growth and life anew,
And that which has no use relinquished be;
For with the barren past we must be through
To seek new light that men may be set free!

THE GROUND OF

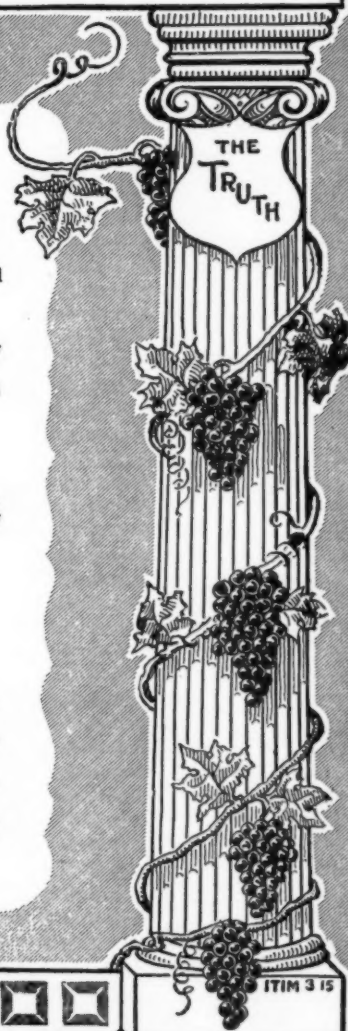


"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," Phil. 3:13b, 14.



EPH 2:20

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Notices

Changes of Address of Ministers and Workers

Howard D. Statum, Box 390, Borger, Texas, phone 253-M.

Wanted

Any young girl or woman who would like to come to Michigan and work for God and souls in playing and singing the gospel story. I will see she is taken care of. I have a good guitar to be used for God's glory.—Mrs. Alma K. Cook, 1329 Hickory St., Alma, Michigan.

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Cleveland, Tennessee

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The Minutes of the 38th Annual Assembly are now ready for shipment. This Minutes of the General Assembly is always full of reports from the field, financial and otherwise, which gives a good barometer of what the Church is doing financially. What is yet more important, it contains rules and regulations that are now in force, which have been passed by the General Assembly for the guidance of the local churches, etc. The financial reports of Orphanage, Missions, Tithes Fund, Aged Ministers, Widows' Fund, Publishing House, etc., are also of interest. Prices are as follows:

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Cleveland, Tennessee

KBTM, Jonesboro, Ark. Each Saturday morning 11:00-11:30. Rev. W. E. Wright, Marked Tree, Ark.

If there are any Church of God folks around Lincoln, Nebr., I wish you would contact our dear son, Paul W. Canipe, 34771998, 780th T.S.S. (Sp) A. A.F. Bks. 154, Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Nebr., and invite him to your church and if there is any cost to it, write to me and I will send the money. Pray for us all.—Frank B. Canipe, Toecane, N. C.

Wanted

Wanted immediately: A singing school teacher, also a teacher of stringed instruments. If interested, write and let me know your rate, etc.—Marshall Roberson, pastor, Box 263, Sweetwater, Tenn.

I am open for meetings anywhere God should open the doors. I am a converted heavyweight wrestler and ex-saloonkeeper, but I am in the ring for the Lord now, with a definite experience of salvation—sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Reference: Rev. James L. Slay, Cleveland, Tenn. — Rev. Don A. Owen, Pomona, Calif.

Anyone having relatives or friends at Ft. Benning, Georgia, please let me know. Write me, giving their names and addresses.—W. H. Godwin, pastor, Church of God, 1058 Niell Drive, Columbus, Ga.

The one who can see his own faults has good eyes.

News From Alton Park, Tenn.

ALTON PARK, Tenn.—The South Chattanooga Church of God has now a new building which will seat five hundred people, the cost of the church being around \$3,000. Our pastor, Brother J. D. Smith, closed a revival in August with forty-three saved, nineteen sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, and eight added to the church. This was the most wonderful revival ever held in Alton Park. We had with us a few nights Brother and Sister Dunn. They rendered some wonderful singing; they were a blessing to us. We have lived in Alton Park eleven years and when we came here the Church of God people had service in an old garage and soon we had no place, just here and there in our homes. Just a very few of us held on to God, believing some day we would have a church here. Sure, we would get discouraged, but when God would bless us it would give us new courage again. Praise His wonderful name. All good things come to those who wait, Job 14:14. We just waited until the change came. Isa. 40:31 tells us to wait on the Lord and we shall have renewed strength. In almost every meeting there are many in the altar seeking God.

On the eighth of August we had our home-coming, the first meeting in our
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Cigarette Slogans Tell

BILLIE AVIS HOY

What?

Do they lie?

How about the one that sings, "It's the tobacco that counts"? That certainly is true. Without tobacco there would be no cigarettes. People don't smoke for the paper that holds the tobacco. No indeed! First they smoke because it is the popular thing to do, and after that they smoke because they can't help it.

That leads up to another slogan used by another cigarette company. Its aim is to impress on the minds of the people how good their product is. But it tells a far different story. The slogan—"Walk a Mile for a Camel." A great truth is housed in these words, a truth that the company does not want known. It tells the thoughtful person that tobacco is habit forming. If a person will walk a mile for a cigarette, regardless of the brand, it is because the habit has sunk poison-tipped teeth into his system, making him its slave. It is a fact that poison, such as nicotine, when taken into the body, causes another substance to be produced which opposes it. When this other substance is at work the smoker feels restless and uneasy, and by smoking and taking more nicotine into the body he feels rested and content—for a short time. When the after results of this last cigarette starts the desire for more tobacco it is well to remember that a third of a grain of nicotine has killed a man. And nicotine is only one of the nineteen poisons in a cigarette. No wonder Gene Tunney, retired prizefighter, declared, "Smoking is a foolish habit, unhealthy, dangerous and harmful. I have never smoked."

A minister telling of the many evils of tobacco related a personal experience. He said that before the Lord Jesus took away the desire for tobacco he was willing, after a hard day's work on the farm, to smoke a cigarette rather than to eat his dinner. Dope fiends know what that feeling is like. They will starve, steal, murder, or do any other crime if it will bring them the dope they desire. A smoker who will walk a mile for a cigarette or who will go without his dinner for one is walking hand in hand with his

brother, the dope fiend.

"Something new has been added." That is a catchy slogan. People, especially young people, like something new. And when it can be purchased in combination with an old, much-advertised item, and for no extra cost—well, they are sure to buy it. This something new that was added to this certain brand of cigarettes caused one smoker to say, "Now I smoke this brand of cigarettes regularly." The something new is Laktis, a tobacco from the Eastern Mediterranean, and the ad says that it gives a new, delightful flavor to the cigarettes. The slogan says it increases the habit-forming ability of that particular cigarette, therefore it is highly poisonous.

"They Satisfy," is another well-known slogan that shouts from the housetops the brotherhood of tobacco and dope. Nicotine easily passes through the lining of the mouth into the blood, and when a smoker inhales the nicotine is absorbed by the great surface of the lungs—equal to 2,000 square feet. Think of the nicotine that

passes into these sensitive organs of every inhaler. Also the smoke is passing between his vocal cords and the solid particles in the smoke are caught on these cords, and the smoker's voice is spoiled sooner or later. This is why singers refrain from smoking. Many of the gases in tobacco smoke are irritating and all are hot. So it is easy to see why Mike Donovan, director of the New York Athletic Club for thirty years, said, "Any boy who smokes can never hope to succeed in any line of endeavor." And why that famous inventor, Thomas Edison, said, "I employ no person who smokes cigarettes."

"Take-a-dare offer," is another catchy bit of advertising put out by a tobacco company. This company is willing to give a free sample of tobacco to anyone who will take the offer. They feel confident that after smoking the trial package you will start buying their product. Why? Because it will satisfy that ravishing, nerve-destroying hunger that will make you walk a mile or leave a nourishing dinner for a cigarette.

Clever bit of advertising. Oh yes, the cigarette companies are composed of smart people. They have to be in order to sell such a habit-forming, health-breaking product. But the wise person can read two meanings in every slogan. See if you can't the next time you read one.—*Gospel Herald*.

The Upward Look

It is claimed that man is the only creature with the upward look. Animals look down. They have no need from above. All they ask is food and drink. Did you ever see a pig "lift its eyes"? It has nothing above to look to. But man is different. He must have food from above.

The upward look is the greatest single quality a person can possess. It gives him something finer to live for. And like the beautiful personality, it helps others to look up. Did you ever hear the Yankee definition for personality? Well, here is the way a Yankee defined personality as he saw and felt it in a friend: "When I met him I was looking down, but when I left him I was looking up."

Some of us look down too much of the time. We miss the glory of cloud and sky and stars. We lose something out of ourselves by looking down. We

put something divine into ourselves by looking up. Nearly all the evils in a life come by looking down. With eyes focused on the ground too much, our whole nature becomes too much like the earth. As long as one looks up there is no limit to one's possible attainments; but one is done for the moment one gives up one's ideals and dreams and centers all one's attention upon the earth.

A writer said, "We are all in the gutter but some of us are looking at the stars." I do not believe we are all in the gutter, but even those in the gutter can still see the stars by looking up, and with some climbing, can get out.

Persons with the upward look are the happiest. They are the healthiest. They find more good things to live for.

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Noonday Plant Devotion

The Quaker Stretcher Company, of Kenosha, Wis., has adopted a noon-day lunch religious service. Figures show that since these services were instituted there has been an increase in production of 33.2 per cent. Such services are conducted from Monday through Friday of each week. Walter Block, company president, stated that "Our sole purpose in sponsoring these meetings is to win men and women to a great appreciation of the gospel as a means toward solving the many problems they face in this critical hour."

Similar services have been introduced at the Belle Aircraft Company also. The LeTourneau factories at various points throughout the United States have for a number of years used the noon lunch hour to great evangelistic effort and satisfaction of all concerned.

Baptist Attacks Outrageous Dress

Dr. W. B. Riley, of Minneapolis, president of Northwestern Theological Seminary and Bible Training School, charged that, "The outrageous women's fashions of today have left little or no covering for femininity and are responsible for the lax moral conditions." Women who hold themselves in reserve from sexual temptation and sin, do so by properly covering themselves before the public.

Our Pearl Harbor

Never in the history of mankind has such a dastardly and cowardly trick been pulled off on a military enemy. This is generally conceded to be true. But while such physical attacks may be possible, this is the first of its kind; however, it is true that this kind of a thing has been used by Satan against God's children from earliest dawn. Satan is a deceiver. He lies in wait. He attacks when we are off guard. Only when he thus attacks is he successful. The "fiery" trials, the "fiery" darts are Satan's choice weapons. However, against this kind of malicious attack there is an armour. It is this, "Above all taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to

quench all the fiery darts of the wicked," Eph. 6:16. The use of the "shield of faith" suggests expectancy. It is preparedness against attack. The trouble at Pearl Harbor was that they were not on guard; they were not watching for the enemy. The child of God is warned to "watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." Watchfulness plus prayerfulness will save the day; and shield us from Satan's "Pearl Harbor."

Anti-Semitism

Many organizations are siding together to try to prevent persecution of the Jewish race. This is, of course, as it should be. Why should we hate and why should we persecute the Jewish race? This, however, is last day activities of Satan against Christ. Wherever the Jew has suffered, the Church has also suffered. The one exists because of the other. They are incident one with the other. The Jew bears witness of the Church. At least, this is historically true. While on the other hand the Church acknowledges the Jew in all things that pertain to religion, not that the Jew is actually religious from the Christian standpoint, but that he has been and will continue to be associated with the Christian religion, both active and otherwise. Bad Jews are like bad Gentiles, they both need the grace of Christ. If the Jews can be destroyed, the Church will not escape. Both, however, are indestructible. The one is sustained because of its union with Christ; the other, because without them Christ could not establish the kingdom of David, neither fulfill the promise made to Abraham.

General Marshall

Is reported to be deeply religious. He is quoted by *Defender* as saying, "A good chaplain does not require a church and a poor one will empty a cathedral. I don't give a hoot for a man's religion either in war or peace if it does not set him on fire with a passion to do or die for Christ." It is quite true that a chaplain or minister who is on fire for God, but who does not have a place to preach, will at

least start from the ground and build up. If he isn't on fire, his hearers will starve to death and leave him.

National Prayer in World War No. 2

The following is a partial account of the "White Calvary" incident which was preceded by a national prayer.

"In answer to national prayer He had sent His heavenly host, and those were the White Cavalry seen by the German, who testified to their presence in the manner already described. During the past years, 1939, or 1928 to 1939, I have had evidence of this account from other sources, in one case from a man who said that he had captured many of the German prisoners at that time, and that they could speak of nothing but the 'White Cavalry' and their awe-inspiring leader from whom they had fled in such terror. A lady who had been a nurse also told me that all the German wounded whom she had attended at that time spoke to her about the same incident, which had a similar effect upon them. That same evening as she looked across the shell-battered countryside, she saw the sun shining on the white uniforms and white horses of a body of cavalry, who were returning from the direction taken by the routed German Army . . . then, as the sun set, they disappeared, leaving the countryside bare and shattered as it had been previously. The 'WHITE CAVALRY' had finished its work."

Possibilities of Deception

"For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect," Mark 13:22. "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on earth in the sight of men," Rev. 13:13. With these prophetic statements about the workings of antichrist and the false prophet as a Bible groundwork, one has but to read the book "666 or Super Deceiver," by James C. Hollenbeck, to be awakened to the possibilities of antichrist as a reality of the complete embodiment of the enthronement of Satan in the man of sin. He tells how that during his visit with this man in his palace he witnessed his raising the dead, the stilling of the storm, and the calling of fire down from heaven. This book can be ordered from the Publishing House for \$1.00.

Institutions . . . Their Function and Motives

By E.E. Coleman

The Family

The family is by far the most important institution on earth. It produces the raw material that goes to make up all other institutions. This material is the boys and girls that grow into manhood and womanhood and enter that field of endeavor where they are best suited to serve. The home is the place where they grow up and prepare to fill their place in other institutions. The influence of the home goes with them through their entire lives. Therefore the standards that control the home should be such as will mold a will power and a character that will be worthy of a place in whatever other institution the individual may choose.

There are four other institutions that are worthy of our consideration. They are (a) the Church, (b) the schools, (c) Our government, and (d) our business enterprises. All these are directly dependent upon our homes. They will all be the kind of institutions our people make them, and, of course, the people are what the homes make them. If these various institutions are to prove a blessing to mankind, they will have to have fair, righteous, and just regulations. They can only have these when we train their personnel in godly homes.

The functions of the home are varied. The father is, according to the Word of the Lord, the head of the family. That means that he is superintendent of the family. His responsibilities are much greater than those of the superintendent of a great railway system. He should study and pray for divine guidance in directing the affairs of the home. Nothing should be left to chance. Nothing should be done without first finding out if it will be for the best interest of the family. He should feel that he is president of the home, and as such he should preside over its deliberations with grace and wisdom. His actions should be, without an exception, to care for the family. Even a president is not a king, and a parent should not assume the attitude of an absolute monarch. Any

member of the family should be given a hearing over any grievance that may arise. If this is always practiced, all will realize that they will get justice from their parents, and they will look up to them with that degree of respect, confidence and pride that they should. A man who is a good father is indeed a great man, and is worthy of real respect.

Although the father is considered the head of the home, it is the mother who must inevitably play the greater role in forming the character and disposition of the children. Mother teaches them their first words and holds their hands while they are learning to walk. She is the one who dries their tears and comforts their hearts over their first taste of sorrow and pain. She is the one who tucks them to bed at night with a kiss and a prayer. The mother is in a position to win the child's heart and make him follow her example all through life. If she is a godly woman, no one else on earth can take her place in their hearts. They will have unlimited confidence in her, and she can lead them to Jesus as soon as they are old enough to follow, and nothing can cause them to doubt mother's God. But if she is an ungodly woman, and causes her children to lose confidence in her, then they lose confidence in most every one else. They grow hard and selfish. They care not for the lofty, noble, worth-while things of life, but they love the base, vile, unholy things that lead to ruin.

No family can rise higher than the mother who nurtures it. The fine manhood or womanhood that has graced the earth in ages past, was the product of some mother's love, care, patience and training. The Apostle Paul credited Timothy's mother and grandmother for the fine character that he had, and all because they taught Timothy to respect the Word of God in his youth. The kind of manhood and womanhood that will fashion the destiny of the future peoples of the earth, will be the direct result of the mothers of today. So to be a mother, a woman should be of the highest

type, morally, spiritually, mentally and physically. The men are few who would select a woman who is paralyzed or deformed to guide their homes and mother their children, or who would select such an one from an asylum for the insane. Yet there are many who select those who are morally unfit, and bring up families who never contribute to any worthwhile institution, but become wards of society. Ezek. 16:44-46 tells us that, "As is the mother, so is her daughter," and the mother referred to in this passage is one who loatheth her husband and children. I cannot think of anything more tragic than a home with such a mother and wife. Such a woman cannot demand, nor will she receive, the love, respect and honor that she should from her husband and children. Neither can she imbue her offsprings with that high and noble character that they so sorely need to be a success in this world, or to reach heaven after this world. The American home is in grave danger of abolition. There is one thing that can keep it intact, and that is the praying mothers, most of whom belong to the Pentecostal bodies of religion, of which the Church of God is most outstanding with respect to women who are pious and holy. So, Church of God women, please don't fail us. Keep on praying. Much depends on your prayers. Help us keep our homes intact at least until Jesus comes. When He comes and takes the praying mothers away, God only knows what will become of the homes then.

We have discussed the father and mother, but what of the children? What is their function in the home? The Bible tells us that they are to honor their parents, and obey them. If they are blessed with godly parents it will not be hard to do this. But if they have ungodly parents, it is often hard to honor and obey them. Children should not roam the streets and be idle, but they should learn early in life to work and make their way in the world. They should not de-

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The Seal of Heaven

D. C. BOATWRIGHT

Text, 2 Tim. 2:19, "*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his.*"

In St. John 10:27 we read these words, "*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*"

These two beautiful scriptures establish the fact that the Lord knows them that are His, and mark me, there is a reason why He knows His own. It is because they are marked with a seal.

In the symbolism of scripture, a seal signifies three things: first, a finished transaction, Jer. 32:9-10; second, ownership, Jer. 32:11, 12; third, security, Esther 8:8; Dan. 6:17; Eph. 4:30.

The antichrist also has a system of marking them that are his, but oh, how different are the markings. Note in Rev. 13:16 he caused all, both small and great, to receive a mark in their hand or forehead.

We wish to speak of another seal, one that is internal, a work of God that takes place on the inside.

In Acts 19:2 we find Paul asking the brethren at Ephesus if they had received the Holy Ghost "since ye believed." Many are trying to establish the fact that the translation is wrong and it should read "when ye believed," but I believe that Paul meant just what he said when he said "since ye believed." We will all agree that Paul was a man of intellect and didn't go about asking men superfluous questions. Paul knew that they were believers and if one receives this experience when one believes, why ask the question "since ye believed"?

These men were believers and had been baptized but they lacked something and that was the seal that would denote a finished transaction. They needed to be sealed, to signify ownership. They prayed until they were sealed. Act 19:6. This is in harmony with Eph. 1:13, "After that ye believed ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise." Compare this with Luke 24:49, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you." And they obeyed the command to tarry until they were endued with the

power that comes with the sealing. Remember this, friends, God has not completed the work He has begun in the believer's life until He has His seal upon him. "Who hath sealed us (past tense), and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

Oh, how I thank God in these days of apostasy, when so many are being led away by doctrines of false prophets and seducing spirits, that I let God put His seal upon me. It has been to me the difference between success and failure. I remember the afternoon when I submitted completely to Him and was sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. It was in August of 1926, on a Sunday afternoon, after I had prayed for about six weeks, when it seemed that I couldn't ever receive the experience. The devil said, "Young man, it isn't for men like you. You want a reality. It is all right for old ladies, those easily satisfied, but you never." Then I quoted the scripture from Acts 2:39, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." I said, with a broken, contrite heart, "Lord, you called me, why can't I receive this desire of my heart?" Then I became serious, got in dead earnest with God. Friend, you must mean business if you are to get anywhere with God.

After I had cried out my heart to Him, He filled me with joy. Then I

could say with Peter, "It is joy unspeakable and full of glory." Some will try to discredit this experience but, brother, it is real even now while I write, after these seventeen years. Then the Holy Ghost came in and began to speak with a tongue that I had never learned. I could hear people saying that I had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I wanted to get up and rejoice with them but God had other plans for this boy who was looking for a reality. I wasn't drunk as they supposed, but was filled with the Spirit, sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

Many today are like the man in Matt. 12:45; Luke 11:26 who tried to get by without this sealing process. After he was swept and garnished but empty he later found his condition worse than in the beginning. Why? Because he refused God the right to complete the work begun in his life. Let me warn you who are trying to get by without being sealed. You will spoil and you must have this experience to meet God's requirements. Why not let God seal you now with the Holy Spirit of promise?

Men are asking, "What are the requirements of the rapture?" and, "Must I have the baptism of the Holy Ghost to go?" Let me tell you this, friend, you can go with Him we know. Many are trying to find out, "How little can I have and get by?" It seems that the Church is more afraid of perfection than imperfection. Let us seek God for a great outpouring of His Spirit all over the world, and when we, as the great Church of God, have all been sealed, there won't be so much spilling and failures as we see today.

Spots and Wrinkles

By MABEL MADDEFORD

Paul writes to the Ephesian church that Christ is going to present to Himself a glorious church not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. Many people believe just because they have been saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, they are ready to be in the bride of Christ. But I see in this scripture that Paul (to whom was revealed the mystery of the Church) tells us the Church that is presented to Christ is a holy

church with no spots or wrinkles.

Spots are on the outside and usually result from carelessness, and carelessness is one of Satan's sharpest instruments. We become careless before we know it. We used to spend hours studying the Word and waiting on the Lord. Now just a few minutes a day is enough because we have grown careless. If I am careless enough to allow my good dress to become spot-

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Foreign Missions



This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

BISHOP MARSHALL, FORMER OVERSEER OF BARBADOS, PASSES

I regret to have to report the death of our beloved Bishop J. H. Marshall, who passed away to his reward on September 27 while I was away on trip to British Guiana.

J. H. Marshall was born in the Parish of St. Andrews, Barbados, September 17, 1860. He was brought up in the Anglican Church where he was much beloved and at an early age became a visitor of the sick. He was known as "Brother Marshall."

Missionaries came to Barbados about fifty years ago preaching a full gospel and he gave his heart to the Lord, and soon after saw the light on water baptism by immersion and was baptized. For this he was turned out of the Anglican Church. He then opened a mission in his own home which he called the Free Gospel Mission. God owned and blessed him in this and soon he had to look for larger quarters, and then spread to other parts of the Island.

When Pentecost came to Barbados he was among the first to receive this great truth, and he became more active, and spent many years in helping to carry this message not only in Barbados but to a number of the other West Indian Islands.

When Brother J. H. Ingram paid his first visit to Barbados in 1936, Reverend J. H. Marshall was the first to seek fellowship with the Church of God. He was a loyal and faithful worker until three years ago when he became paralyzed and had not been able since then to take any active part. Yet his heart has been in the work while the body was too weak to be. In his calling, our loss is heaven's gain, for he has gone to be with Jesus.
—J. B. Winter, overseer.

AT REST

After a lingering illness, our beloved Bishop J. H. Marshall, retired overseer of the New Testament Church of God, Barbados, B. W. I., was called to rest on Monday, September 27.

The deceased, who was born on September 17, 1860, had reached the ripe age of 83 years.

On Tuesday evening the funeral service was conducted at the Eckstein church by Bishop C. A. Lewis. A very large crowd was present, including a goodly number of ministers. His remains were interred at the Westbury Cemetery where the service was conducted by Bishop C. N. Ford.

Our brother is now enjoying an undisturbed rest until the fullness of time when Jesus comes. To his widow and children we extend our deepest sympathy.—Bishop C. N. Ford.

GOD IS BLESSING THE WORK IN THE BAHAMA ISLANDS

Time had finally come to make preparations for the convention at Harbour Island, which lies about sixty-five miles north of Nassau, Bahamas. This trip had to be made by boat. Harbour Island is quite small; in fact, just one-half mile wide and about seven miles long with a population of about seven hundred people.

We were at the dock at eight o'clock in the morning and a few minutes later went aboard the mail boat which is approximately sixty feet long. It was a beautiful trip. The sea was very quiet and after about eight hours we saw the little island at a distance.

Soon we could see the outline of the dock and noticed many strange faces of both Christians and unsaved. All seemed to wear a smile of welcome, which made us feel glad to be there. We were soon on shore where suitcase and brief case were picked up by willing hands, and we were on our way to the church.

Reverend W. R. Franks and I were royally entertained at Brother David Albury's home where we were made to want for nothing. Although we were somewhat weary from the trip, we forgot it when the lovely supper was set before us, and soon we were ready for the evening service at the church.

God's presence was precious in

every service, souls being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was filled to its capacity, with as many on the outside. Every speaker seemed to be at his best. However, the convention was far too short, because many came to me and asked why it couldn't go on for a few more days.

Oh, we see so many hungry hearts out in these remote places in need of the gospel. Our hearts cry out to God that He might help us to do even more to reach precious dying humanity. When we see islands here with up to twenty-five villages with several thousand people and the Church of God has hardly even touched its shores, then we are made to say within our hearts, "Are we doing all we can?" I am afraid the most of us will say we are not.

We really hated to leave the closing night of the convention. There was such a sweet spirit among the people. At seven-thirty the place was packed and a large crowd was on the outside. The sermon was delivered and, finally, handshakes and good-byes.

Then we had to work out a plan to get home, because the mail boat would not be back possibly for about ten days; but work calls us other places, so we hired a small boat to take us over to another church some twelve or fifteen miles away. We traveled this trip at about two and one-half miles an hour. We finally arrived at Bluff Eleuthra and had service that night and prepared to leave early the next morning for home.

We enjoyed the hospitality of the good people at Bluff. Brother and Sister Baker, the leaders of the work there, certainly made us feel at home. Also many thanks for the home I stayed in that night. The meeting that night at the church was wonderful. The church was packed and a hundred or more were on the outside. A great spirit of unity prevailed among the saints. The outlook at Bluff is en-

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So-Called Contradictions in the Bible

Explained

DR. JOHN R. RICE, Editor "The Sword of the Lord"

A Chicago reader, greatly amused that *The Sword of the Lord* stands for the verbal inspiration of the Bible, writes asking the editor to explain some "contradictions" which he professed to be greatly disturbed about. The so-called "contradictions" were evidently copied from some of the literature of infidels. I have answered his questions, and I believe it will do all young Christians good to see how simple it is to find the apparent discrepancies in the Bible really harmoniously reconciled by a little further prayerful study. The Bible is the Word of God. There are no real contradictions, no mistakes, in the blessed Word of God. In the original manuscripts even the very words were inspired of God. Jesus said about the Scriptures that "every word . . . proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4), and again Jesus said, "The scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35).

Here follows my letter to my unbelieving friend, giving his so-called "contradictions," with the contradictions all explained away.

My dear Mr. _____:

Your letter, asking some questions about the Bible, came a few days ago. I take it that you are young, that you have not made an honest study of the Bible as yet, but have picked up some of the old, old, hoary chestnuts of unbelievers of a generation ago. I am sorry to see anybody with a rambling and frivolous approach to important matters, and with time to waste, as one would judge you have, but I am glad to answer your questions, and I assure you that a little more study on your own part would have solved all your difficulties, if you came to the Bible with an open heart and if you really were interested in finding out the truth about God's Word.

First, you seem to have some trouble with the word *verbal*. Verbal inspiration is simply word inspiration, that is, inspiration of the very words of the original manuscripts of the Bible, not inspiration of the various translations, of course.

1. You asked, "What kind of light did God create the first day, three days before He created the source of all earthly lights, the sun?" You are misinformed. The sun is not the source of all earthly lights. The sun is not the source of the light from the stars.

The sun is not the source of the light from phosphorescence from lightning bugs, from volcanoes, from fire. Actually, scientifically speaking, the sun is not an *original* source of light at all. Scientists have discovered that the sun is made up of elements like those in the earth and other planets. The only difference is that the sun is heated and so at present gives off light. Actually, the heat that is in the sun had to come originally from something else, or more literally, from Someone else, that is, from God. "God is light, and in him is no darkness," says the Scriptures (1 John 1:5). The light of the pillar of fire which led the children of Israel in the wilderness, the light of the Shekinah glory over the mercy seat in the tabernacle, the light that shone from the transfigured Savior on the mount of transfiguration, the light of the angels who were at the tomb after Christ was resurrected, and the light that was in and surrounded the glorified body of Jesus when John saw Him as described in the first chapter of Revelation—that light was not from the sun, but from God "the Father of lights." To say that the sun is the source of all light is the same as saying that there is no God, which is silly. The sun is not a creator, but is created. God said, "Let there be light" and later when He made the sun, He gave the sun the heat that now for these many centuries has been giving off light at God's command. To make the sun, or any created piece of matter an original source in itself would be as silly as to say that an automobile had no manufacturer.

2. You do not believe that the statement in Genesis 2:17, to Adam, "For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." You say that Adam and Eve did not die. Now, wouldn't you think that any honest student would have looked a little further? If there were a brazen contradiction in the same chapter, don't you think that Moses, who was in-

spired to write it, would have detected it as soon as you would, and would have corrected it? But actually for anyone who gives it a moment's thought, there is no contradiction. Throughout the Bible God speaks of spiritual death. Lost sinners are said to be "dead in trespasses and sin" (Eph. 2:1), "dead in sins" (Eph. 2:5), "dead in your sins" Col. 2:13). "Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead" (Rev. 3:1). So Adam and Eve became poor lost sinners the moment they disobeyed God. They became spiritually dead, lost, strangers from God. And that is not all; death entered into their bodies and they became mortal beings, subject to physical death. That was the beginning of decay. That day they died spiritually and began to die physically, exactly as God told them. And even a casual investigation would have shown that clear meaning and the literal fulfillment of God's warning.

3. You find an apparent contradiction in 2 Kings 2:11 which says, "And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven," and in John 3:13 where Jesus said about Himself, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." You think that Jesus is saying that no one ever ascended to heaven but Him. It does appear from the King James version, but the difficulty is very easily settled by one look at the Greek from which the English was translated in John 3:13. Actually, instead of saying, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man . . .," Jesus said, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, if not he that came down from heaven." A slight error in the translation makes the apparent difficulty. The little word "but" is a translation of two short Greek words, *ei, me*. The first little word, *ei*, is simply *if*, and is so translated 325 times in the Bible. The little word *me* is very frequently translated *not*; is translated *lest* fifteen times; is translated *that not* eight times, etc. Jesus was simply saying—

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What Is That?

What is that? "What is that in thine hand?" Exodus 4:2. All the great works for God are done by doing our best with that we have. Moses was keeping sheep in Midian. God told him to go and deliver Israel from bondage. He shrank from the undertaking and we do not wonder that he did, for he was without training in warfare and without any visible means of prosecuting the work. He had nothing but his shepherd crook or rod, cut out of a thick, the mere stick that he guided his sheep. Any day he could throw it away and get another one. But God said, "What is that in thine hand?" And Moses answered, "A rod." God then told him that with that rod, that mere stick, he should save Israel. "And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs." And so it proved. God made it enough. We know all the many incidents of actual results wherein the rod played a part.

We should all use the little things we have, the present means we possess, for God, and not wait for some future time but use all our influence and wealth and power NOW. This is the method by which all great works for God have been accomplished. God uses the little things to do great things, and gathers the harvest of the kingdom.

Moses was bade cast the rod down before the Lord. This meant that he was to devote it to the Lord and use in his mission. The work for him demanded neither influence nor oratory which he did not possess, but only consecration and use of the simple things he had with implicit faith and trust in God and to do all that He commanded.

God calls us to do likewise. It may not be great but with God's blessing and power in the Holy Ghost we shall do the work He requires of us. He never gives a task beyond our powers.

What is that in thine hand, my brother? A trowel? Devote it to Him. The agriculturist, the artisan, and the mechanic may just as truly serve the Lord as the minister and teacher. Make your tools of craft support you and your family while you live for God.

What is that in thine hand, Sham-

gar? It was an ox goad with which he urged his lazy beasts. Yet, used for God, Shamgar's ox goad defeats the Philistines. Suppose Shamgar had refused to use it because it was crude and ill-fashioned and small, not suited, as he thought, to the work. No such honor of victory would ever have stood to the credit of Shamgar if such had been the case. But he used the goad as God directed and the victory was his and for his people. There are people today losing the honor of victory because they do not do their best with the things they already possess.

What is that in thine hand? A pen? It is an instrument of great power, and much needed in the service of the kingdom. If all the editors and reporters in America would throw down their pens before God and in entire consecration to Him and then use them for His will, what a difference it would make in the moral and religious condition of this country and of the world! Luther once threw his ink well at the devil. Oh, for thousands of devoted writers to throw ink persistently at the devilish agencies that are now blighting our social life!

What is that in thine hand, David? It was only a sling, a little weapon he had made for pleasure or with which he kept the wolves away from his sheep. Yet with that sling he slew Goliath, whom the whole army of Israel dare not meet. Some of us have accomplishments we have never thought of more seriously than as a source of some slight pleasure to ourselves or to others. We can sing, or play an instrument, or draw, or paint, or tell a story. Have you ever thought of using your accomplishments for God? Whatever your power, your accomplishments, or your skill, why not use it for God? You have no idea how much it may result in if you will only use it, as David used his sling, in the name of the Lord of hosts.

What is that in thine hand? A bankbook, a pocketbook? Thank God for it. With times as they are now, high wages and all, more than ever your money should be a power in the Church as well as in the world. It is a splendid thing, much needed in every department of Christ's work.

The man who can make money and use it for God is to be envied. How much better to use your wealth this side of heaven for His glory than to leave it to rust and corrupt and finally be fought and quarrelled over after your death.

What is that in thine hand, young follower after Christ? Oh nothing, but five barley loaves and two fishes. Yet even as did the young lad, you may hear Christ say, "Bring them to me; give them to God," and have the reward of seeing a whole multitude fed. You may be young, but use the things you have. You have youth; that is one advantage. A boy can reach other boys and a girl can reach other girls. Young men can reach other young men and young women can reach other young women. Use at this moment the things you have at this moment. When you get older you may have other things to use, but that can never take the place or make up for not using the things you have now.

What is that in thine hand, poor widow? "Only two mites," you say. Give them to God and, behold, the fame of your riches fills the world and many others are thereby led to give, some out of their poverty and some out of their abundance. Streams of money have flown into the Lord's treasury for the extension of His kingdom in the world as a result. Use what you have in your hand. Give what you have now. God judges us as to what we keep by what we give. Don't wait to grow rich and give millions. God will make the giving of little things from the little you have worth more to you, and more to the world, too, than the mere thinking you would give millions if you had them.

What is that in thine hand? A child? The Lord has blessed many homes with children. If He has done so, what possibilities of good are wrapped up in those children? How are they living now? What will their eternity be? The utter letdown of Christian upbringing in our land has caused the terrific rise of juvenile delinquency that is such a problem of our nation at this hour. Alas, too many parents in America today are not on spanking terms with their children.

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

PRAY FOR:

God to undertake for my husband who is in the army; my baby and me.—A sister in the Lord, Ladonia, Tex.

My son's complete healing.—Mrs. Maggie M. Smith, 1301 West Dale, Guthrie, Okla.

The healing of my eyes.—Mrs. Wilburn Roberts, Avera, Miss.

The healing of my brother's body, he has been afflicted about eight months; special unspoken request; my husband.—Mrs. Lula Leonard, Erlanger, N. C.

The Lord to heal my body, I am sick and am suffering severely. Encouragement appreciated.—Sol Macky (colored), Jensen, Fla.

The healing of my arm which has been sore since July, some say it is cancer.—Mrs. W. P. Jennings, Monroe, Va.

The healing of my body.—Rev. C. H. Isbell, pastor, Box 583, Greenville, Miss.

Me to be healed and saved. I am crippled.—Miss Daisy Young, Section, Ala.

God to undertake for James D. Spence.—Lydia Brock, 622 Navarre, Toledo, Ohio.

My mother's health to be restored; two sisters-in-law who are in bad health.—Mrs. L. T. Carroll, Shannon, Ga.

My body to be healed, my little girl's body to be healed; my wife to be healed.—Dock Smith, Melrose, N. Mex.

My mother, Mrs. Annie Lewis, who has had asthma about fifteen years, and is bothered with her throat, to be

healed.—Mrs. Claude Brown, Rt. 1, Box 45, Siluria, Ala.

The healing of my body; my brother overseas.—Mrs. Clifton Bynum, Rt. 1, Eden, Ala.

The healing of my body and eyes; my daughter who has bad nerves; the healing of my husband's heart; urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. Doss, Danville, Va.

My wife and Mrs. J. C. Harris to be healed of asthma.—G. M. Chitwood, Lavonia, Ga.

Me to be healed of bronchial trouble.—Mrs. Homer Anderson, Rt. 3, Madisonville, Tenn.

The healing of my body; my daughter who has heart trouble; my mother-in-law's healing.—Mrs. E. P. Knight, R.F.D. 2, Fountain Inn, S. C.

The healing of my body, I have asthma and when I take spells coughing at times I get unconscious. I also have stomach and kidney trouble. I do not take medicine or use remedies but trust the Lord altogether.—J. F. Ball, 5 Marston, Alabama City, Ala.

The healing of Rev. Howard, his wife and little nephew, they are in very poor health and need the prayers of the saints for healing and more light; a special request; me to be completely healed.—C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.

The healing of my daughter, Mrs. Louis B. Powell, Rt. 1, Yemassee, S. C., who has a goitre and other ailments; the healing of my grandchildren who are sick; special unspoken request.—Sister Lena Reece, Rt. 1, Blairsville, Ga.

The complete healing of my body. Encouragement appreciated.—Mary Henderson, Elmore, Okla.

God to undertake for two very special requests, also that He will undertake for us financially.—Mrs. David N. Rittenhouse, Rt. 2, c/o Cleghorn Farm Corp., Easton, Md.

My body to be healed; my two sons.—A sister in Christ, Henrietta, Tex.

God to save and heal my mother and dad; my husband; God to heal my body and make a way for us to attend church.—Mrs. Carl Wilson, Gen. Del., Ft. Meade, Fla.

My little boy to be healed of diabetes; my husband and me.—Mrs. Ethel Peek, Rt. 3, Ashland, Ala.

The healing of my afflicted body, I have been sick since August. I trust the Lord with my body and know He is able; the healing of my sick husband. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. B. M. James, Blackshear, Ga.

Special unspoken request. He knows best, may His will be done.—Pfc. (Rev.) D. George Kitchen, Base Hosp., A.A.B., Richmond, Va.

Sister Laura Walraven, Brother L. L. Guyton and me to be healed.—Miss Ella McMichen, Dallas, Ga.

Sister Margie Eveans to be completely healed; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams.—Mrs. Julia Estep, 325 S. 24th St., Clarksburg, W. Va.

My husband to be healed of flu; the healing of my baby; me to be healed of bad kidney poison; my nephew; unspoken request.—Inez Allen, Lavonia, Ga.

The complete healing of my wrist; my boy and his family.—Mrs. Corabelle DeGroff, 128 Norton Ave., Pontiac, Mich.

My healing.—G. Laddewesaw, 2138 E. Michigan, Indianapolis, Ind.

The healing of my husband; my healing; our son in North Africa.—Mrs. Leonna Jones, Rt. 3, Box 150, Siler City, N. C.

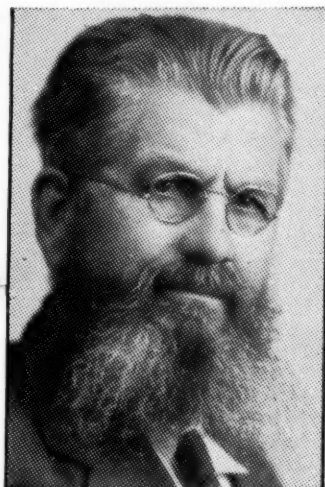
My body to be healed.—Mary Lillie Baker, Colored Stall Sanatorium, Alto, Ga.

My mother who can hardly use her arm; me to be healed, I have serious trouble in my head.—Mrs. E. M. McKinney, Besoco, W. Va.

Me to be saved and healed.—Mrs. H. G. Slaughter, Rocky Gap, Va.

The deeper we get down into the dust of humility the greater force we have behind our prayers and the better condition we are in to receive their answer.

In Memory of



REV. B. B. BERNARD

In loving remembrance of dear Brother B. B. Bernard, Hebrew evangelist of the Church of God, who passed from this life August 17, 1943. Brother Bernard is sadly missed by all his brothers and sisters in Christ, also friends. His last words were shouts and praises unto God.

I'd rather have kind word of deed
While they may case will aid—
Than, "We miss him, he was true
blue,"

Where in the grave I'm laid.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Young
21 North E. Street
Hamilton, Ohio

TEFUTILLAR

Our dear father, C. H. Tefutillar, was born July 24, 1854, and departed this life January 17, 1943; age eighty-nine years, six months and seventeen days. He has been a member of the Church of God for many years and in his last hours said his waybill was clear.

Our precious mother, Elizabeth Isabell Tefutillar, was born March 22, 1857, and departed this life April 27, 1943; age eighty-six years and twenty-six days. She was also a member of the Church of God for many years and still had victory in Jesus in her last hours.—Their daughter, Mrs. Della Clark, Christopher, Ill.

SPECIAL

Relative to Radio Recordings

By J. H. Walker, General Overseer

We are happy to announce that the first radio recordings are being made (November 1-3.) Brother U. D. Tidwell, who is in charge of that work, and others of us who have been assisting him, have been very busy contacting the various firms and persons experienced in this line of work so that we might approach this great undertaking most effectively. There is far more work attached to this undertaking than one would expect; but it is our hope to have some special musical recordings and messages available within the near future. Look for announcements through the Evangel.

May we ask that you continue to pray that God will direct in this great undertaking that many souls may be led to Christ through this means of ministry.

SPOTS AND WRINKLES

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ted, how bad it looks. Some people come to church with their garments looking as if they had never been inside a cleaning shop. A little gasoline or other cleaning fluid, or even a little soap and water would remove the spots. But the spots on a Christian life can be removed only by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Someone asks, "Why do you Pentecostal people have to repent so much?" We answer, "Because the Holy Ghost is constantly showing us the spots on our lives." Oh hallelujah, for a faithful supervisor!

Now a wrinkle is something else. A spot can be made in an instant. Not so with a wrinkle. A wrinkle in your garment must be pressed in and it takes dampening and ironing to remove it. Oh, the wrinkles in the Christian's life must be taken out the hard way. Dear friends, have you ever felt the washing, drying, sprinkling down, and laying aside for a time, and then finally the searing hot iron of God's judgment smoothing out the wrinkle? Not so pleasant at the time but later, that deep wrinkle gone, comes laughter.

Wrinkles come from leanness. A fat person has none. A lean soul is full of them. It is an inward work, as Psa. 45:13, 14, "The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment

of needlework." This shows the outward and inward beauty. Do you ever notice Him doing the needlework? Not so pleasant either, is it? But oh, the beauty of the garment when the hem-stitching, French knots and embroidery work is all finished!

Wrinkles are caused by the breaking down of tissues because the body is not receiving proper nourishment. And oh, brother, sister, the lean, hungry, starving soul will soon show wrinkles. Prov. 11:25 says, "The liberal soul shall be made fat." The liberal soul! Did you ever notice how liberal a fat person is? He eats a great amount and wants every one else to do the same, while a stingy person is all drawn up, shriveled up and lean. So, friends, do you want a fat soul? Be liberal, give, give everything, give yourself, withhold nothing that God can use, whether it is natural or spiritual things, and the first thing you know not a wrinkle can be found.

Isa. 58:11 is glorious news to the lean person. "The Lord shall guide thee." He knows the best feeding places and has that satisfying portion. "And make fat thy bones," and oh hallelujah, and "thou shalt be like a watered garden," not one that the drought has burned up but the flowers will be blooming. Songs of Solomon says His spouse is "a garden enclosed"—just for Him. And you will be "like a spring of water whose waters fail not," a spring flowing through a dry land bringing life out of death. Not a reservoir (dammed) full of wiggle-tails, tadpoles, and polliwogs; but a spring, "a well of water springing up unto everlasting life."

Do you want to get rid of your wrinkles? Come to Isa. 55:2, "Why spend money for that which is not bread?" Jesus said, "I am that bread which came down from heaven." "Come, ye, buy and eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price." Oh hallelujah! "Feasting on the honey and feasting on the wine, and it just suits me." What is more fattening than milk and honey and wine? Come on, O hungry soul, put your feet under God's good table and eat your fill so you will not be bothered with wrinkles when Jesus comes to take out His perfect Church to present it to Himself—His bride.

Faith is the power that causes our prayers to ascend to the throne of grace.

Revivals of Interest

Telegram

We are now in the midst of a great revival at Greenville, S. C., Church of God Number One. Altar filled from one end to the other. Many are praying through. Rev. J. L. Goins is doing some of his finest preaching. Great crowds in attendance.—Houston R. Morehead, pastor.

VALDESE, N. C.—We praise the Lord for a grand revival which just closed at Valdese. Brother Ernest Angley, of Gastonia, N. C., was our evangelist. Brother Angley was anointed by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost and did some good preaching, and the altar was filled with seekers each night. The church was revived and ten were saved, nine sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church, and nine baptized in water. One of the seekers in particular I would like to mention. She had sought the Lord for a good while, but one Monday night she was determined to go through. She prayed and praised the Lord for hours and came through shouting and speaking in tongues.

Please pray for Valdese, that this will be a great year in a soul-winning campaign. We praise the Lord for our good pastor, Brother P. W. Chesser, and wife.—Annie Laurie Smith.

WOODRUFF, S. C.—The very first Sunday of our new pastor's entering his work four were transferred. A revival started Sunday night with our new pastor, W. H. Huddleston, doing the preaching, full of the Holy Ghost and power of God. God worked mightily with us. In the three weeks' revival twenty-two were saved, seventeen sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen added to the church, six by transfer, making a total of nineteen added to the church. Then at our regular service Sunday night four more prayed through and one was filled with the Holy Ghost.—J. R. Minor, Rt. 2.

Greetings From the Church of God at Sandpoint, Idaho

SANDPOINT, Idaho—We are indeed happy to report the wonderful meet-

ings we are having here since the arrival of our dear Brother Boger and family, whom God so wonderfully sent to us all the way from Washington, Pa. The interest in both the Sunday School and church is growing. We are feeling a real spirit of revival, unity and love in the church. Sometimes the Holy Ghost just takes charge and there will be some singing in the Spirit, others talking in tongues, laughing and weeping all over the church. We are certainly having a glorious time in the Lord.

Our beloved state overseer, Brother Ray T. Hill, and Sister Hill are also making Sandpoint their home, as well as headquarters for the State. We are very happy to have them with us to help us here in the work.

We have a large church building and soon hope to have the celotex on so it will be comfortable to worship in this winter.

Pray for us at Sandpoint that the good spirit of love and unity will abide among us.—Mrs. Kathryn Ber-shon, 425 Pine St.

ROCKY HILL, Miss.—I am glad I can still report victory. The Holy Ghost still abides in my soul. Praise His name. I have a determination to go all the way with my Savior.

We have just closed a three weeks' revival, Brother Pratt, our state evangelist, doing the preaching. The Lord met with us in a great way. The crowds were small but the presence and power of God was great. Eleven were filled with the Holy Ghost, two sanctified and others greatly revived. Twelve were baptized in water and four added to the church.

We praise God for Brother Pratt and his sweet wife coming our way. We love and appreciate them much. We also love and appreciate our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister P. V. Lord.

Please pray for these young people here at Rocky Hill who have started to live for the Lord. The youngest one who received the full blessing during this revival was five years old. It was enough to convince the hardest sin-

ner. You should have seen this little child dancing under the mighty power of God. Pray for us at Rock Hill.—Mrs. Wilson Session.

CORONA, Calif.—The Church of God in Corona has been greatly blessed by having Brother Jesse Jeffreys, of Los Angeles, with us in a revival for one week. Many were encouraged through prayer and inspired to press their way onward to higher ground, while others were made to feel their needs and to think more soberly on God's plan in each one's life. Truly, it was a week of heart-searching as he brought the deeper truths of God's Word. We are thankful for God's ministers that He sends along this way.—Mrs. Neal Mason.

PULASKI, VA.—Ward's Evangelistic Trio conducted here their first musical and evangelistic campaign of the Assembly year. Their songs were highly appreciated by all in attendance. Very helpful musical instructions were given each evening under the direction of Rev. W. H. Ward, member of the party, Rev. T. N. Ward doing the greater part of the preaching.

They were here twenty-seven nights less one, which was omitted for the state ministers' meeting.

There were eighteen conversions, eight sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, two baptized in water, and five united with the church.

There were in attendance for the twenty-six nights a total of 2,730 persons, an average attendance of 105 each night.

They received in cash offerings \$165.10, which was a nightly average for the twenty-six nights of \$6.35, or an individual average of slightly above six cents each night for every man, woman and child present.

The total tithes paid into the local church during the last week of the revival amounted to \$30.50, which represents a near or all-high record for any week during the past four years.

This evangelistic trio is most agreeable to work with and we believe will be highly beneficial to any local church. They were a great blessing to our church. We all enjoyed the Christian fellowship akin to heaven, which will be very pleasantly remembered.—C. M. Keys, pastor.

News from the Field

The Willing Workers' Band

LEADWOOD, Mo.—We are a faithful band of workers for the Lord, always doing our best for Him. Our band has been doing some quilting. We have bought an electric stove for the parsonage. Now we are having some cabinets built in the parsonage. The Lord is really blessing us in our work.

We love and appreciate our good pastor, Brother Jacobs, his good wife and his precious mother. They are so faithful. The Lord meets with us each time we meet and we are going over the top for the Lord. Pray for us.—Sister J. H. Reed, president of L. W. W. B.

Good Report From Flint, Mich.

FLINT, Mich.—I thank the Lord for His goodness to all of us. I met the Lord in conversion about twenty-three years ago at an altar of prayer. Since then I have seen some wonderful miracles in answer to prayer. I have a Christian home, for which I am very thankful. We are indeed grateful for what God is doing in Michigan. In the year 1929 we united with the Church of God and have seen it grow here from house prayer meetings to five groups of members and lovely church buildings. We have three churches in Flint and we love and appreciate our pastor, Rev. M. Mortenson. He came to us this year and is a real shepherd to his flock. We are enlarging the church and expecting great things from God. Since Brother Mortenson came we have purchased a lovely new parsonage and they expect to be moving into it within a couple of weeks.

We are glad to have Rev. Paul Walker back this year, as our overseer. He is continually going through the State in service for God, and just now he is hardly able to be about after severe fall from a ladder, but if he has an appointment it really would take a great deal to keep him from keeping it. It seems the church here is going by leaps and bounds. If we all together will keep humble and pray, our God will do great and mighty things for us, for He said, If my people which are called by my name will

humble themselves and pray then I will hear from heaven. Please remember a special request for prayer.—Mrs. J. Biskner, 3913 Arlene St.

Souls Are Finding God at Glasgow

GLASGOW, Ky.—The Glasgow Church of God is now in a revival, with Evangelist G. R. Morris and wife. God is blessing in each service. The old and young have been made to rejoice together and speak in tongues as they did on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:4. The devil doesn't like it and still says we are drunk, but that's all he can do. Thank God, he can't stop it. Souls are finding God.

We thank God for a faithful few who have stuck together. We have a nice warm church and it is paid for. We thank God for sending Brother and Sister Morris here three years ago, to bring us the truth. When Brother Morris and their son Jimmie started the church things looked dull, but if God be for you who can be against you. No one can tell us to pay rent or get out. Thank God.

We also thank God for our good pastor and his sweet wife, Brother and Sister Ivan Pruitt. We have a good Sunday School. We now have the state banner. Pray that God will help us to keep it and give us a wonderful revival.—Bell Lawson.

Expecting New Church— Los Angeles, Calif.

The Lord is blessing us in E. Los Angeles. By the help of the Lord we are going to build a new church. We thank the Lord for sending Brother and Sister J. M. Foshe out here to be our pastor. We feel that he is a real shepherd. He has been feeding our souls with the Word of God. He preaches old-time holiness. Brother Foshe is the kind of preacher we need in California. If anyone has any friends or relatives in or near Los Angeles, the church is located at 2328 Cowlin Street, near Atlantic and Washington boulevards, in Bandini district. Rev. J. M. Foshe's is 1340 S. Douney Rd., Los Angeles, Calif.; clerk, Frank Woods, 3505 Via Corona, Montebello, Calif. Phone, Union 14555. Pray for us. Also pray for Brother

Otis E. Rushing and his wife. Brother Rushing is in the army at Camp Campbell, Ky. His wife is in Clarksville, Tenn.—Frank Woods.

Victory in Shelbyville

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn.—We are glad to report shouts of victory from Shelbyville, Tenn. We praise the Lord for our state overseer, Brother J. D. Bright. We appreciate him for being so thoughtful of us in this trying time when we need spiritual help, to send us Brother Rolen Dunn and his faithful wife. The Lord is blessing in every service. Our Sunday School has doubled in the last month; our church will hardly hold the crowds that attend the services. We have just bought one hundred and twenty dollars worth of roofing and covered the church. We are expecting a great revival to break out here and ask all to pray for us.—T. D. Bolinger, reporter, Rt. 1.

Hamilton, Ohio, District Fellowship Meeting

The churches on the Hamilton, Ohio, district had their first fellowship meeting for this year at South Lebanon, Monday evening, October 11. There was a goodly number in attendance and God blessed throughout the entire service. We are happy to have with us our state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, Rev. Ralph Williams, and his family, also Rev. and Mrs. Fred Litton, who are foreign missionaries, as well as all the ministers, brothers and sisters from the Middletown district.

There was special music and singing, also speakers from the different churches. Rev. Ralph Williams spoke about "Our Orphans" and an orphanage offering of \$101 was received. There were also two pledges—one for \$25 and one for \$100, making a total of \$226. Rev. Fred Litton spoke to us about how wonderfully God blessed their labors in the foreign fields. Sister Litton brought an evangelistic message and gave an invitation for those who needed something from God to come. Quite a number were at the altar.—Edna Combs.

Pelican Inn, Minn., Fellowship Service

It was our happy privilege to enjoy a grand fellowship service here from Detroit Lakes, Minn. The attendance was good, people coming many miles away; but best of all God met with us (Continued on page 14)

through the eyes of a man, Solomon. For example, in Ecclesiastes 1:13 the writer says, "And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all the things that are done under heaven." Verse 14 says, "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun." Verse 17 says, "And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit." All the way through the book of Ecclesiastes clearly professes to be the words of Solomon telling all he could learn about life with his unaided human understanding, and without any divine inspiration to show him about the future. Then God inspired him to write down this human record. Thus we have God's infallible record of Solomon's earthly wisdom. No other book in the Bible professes to be written in this way. But not once in the book of Ecclesiastes are we told that the matter written down was revealed from God. Not once does Solomon profess to speak about anything more than he himself had investigated and could see with human eyes or understood with human wisdom. And all of us know, of course, that to the human eye good men and bad men and beasts all alike die, and their bodies decay. Ecclesiastes 3:19 and 20 says no more than this.

6. I am glad to help you about the two genealogies of Jesus, one given in Matthew 1:1-16, and the other in Luke 3:23-38. You say the two genealogies are different. Of course they are! That in Matthew is the genealogy of Joseph, as it clearly states. Matthew 1:16 says, "And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ." The genealogy in Luke is the genealogy of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Luke 3:23 says, "And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was *the son of Heli*." Notice that the words "the son" are in italics in Luke 3:23, which means they are not in the Greek at all, but supplied by the translators. The verse should read, "And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was of Heli." Heli was the father of Mary; Joseph, was his son-in-law. We are not told that Heli begat Joseph, for he did not. We are not told that Joseph was the son of Heli. Actually he was his son-in-law. Among Jews the custom was to keep

genealogies by fathers, of course. Through Joseph, His foster father, Jesus had standing as having descended from David. Actually through Mary, His real mother, He did descend from David. And it was absolutely necessary that through Mary's line, the genealogy in Luke should show the actual descent through Nathan, David's son, instead of through Solomon and the kingly line who actually reigned following David. For, concerning Coniah, the son of Jehoikim, king of Judah, Jeremiah 22:30 says, "Thus saith the Lord, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah." Thus, the coming Messiah and king of Israel had to come through another branch of David's seed. And that is exactly what happened.

I have written you at some length, because it may be that under your foolishness you want to know the truth, or will be honest enough to investigate now that you see how ill-founded and childish are the objections of the infidels against the Bible. If you will set out with an open heart to read the Word of God and will humbly bow to God and pray for wisdom to know the truth, and seek to turn in your heart from your sins, God will give you saving faith. You will begin to understand the Bible, and you will know the sweet peace of forgiveness and salvation. I challenge you as a seeker for truth to set out to find out about God and the Bible with a prayerful, open, scientific mind. Do you dare do it? To that end I will help you if I can.—In the Savior's name, yours, John R. Rice.

God Is Blessing the Work in the Bahama Islands

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couraging.

The next morning we went to the seaside to get passage home. The boat was a small produce boat about thirty feet long and loaded down with fruit and produce to be taken to Nassau. The trip home was made in about eleven hours over a little rougher water than the trip out there. A little seasickness was felt by some, but God graciously stood guard over us and brought us home happy but burnt pretty badly about the face from sunburn.

When you pray don't forget the Ba-

hamas because these out-islands are some of the greatest mission fields we have. Pray that God will give us strength and protect us on the trips that we may be of greater service to Him.—Yours in the mission field, J. B. Camp, overseer.

THE UPWARD LOOK

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Do you ever have days when everything goes wrong? If so, you probably began the day by looking down. If you begin the day by thinking only of your own rights and enjoyment, you will not find much to live for, perhaps; but begin the day with the upward look, a smile for everyone, and a hand stretched out toward those in need, and you will have a day filled with sweetness and peace. The upward look lifts us up.—*Publisher Unknown*.

News From Alton Park, Tenn.

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new building. We had a wonderful day in the Lord. Brother D. B. Yow was with us in the afternoon. He took the offering, which was \$522. Our building is almost paid for, we lack only \$300, and if the Lord tarries a little longer we will soon start building the auditorium on top. Brother Smith, with the pastor of North Chattanooga, Brother Batts, will start a revival here Sunday, Oct. 17, Brother Ball doing the preaching. We are looking forward to a great time in the Lord and a harvest of souls. Please pray for us and our church. We have a wonderful pastor and his good wife; they are filled with the Spirit of God. Our former pastors have rendered great service for God—some planted, some watered, but God has given us the increase. Bless His name. I believe in giving honor to whom it is due. All have been a blessing to the Church of God here. Our former pastors were Brothers J. S. Douglas and W. M. Robertson. May God's blessing remain with them is our prayer. Brother J. D. Bright, our state overseer, was with us a few weeks ago; he brought a soul-stirring message which was a great upbuilding message to us all. We are looking for Him to come again soon. Pray for us here at Alton Park.—Mrs. Sarah C. Hill, clerk, 3717 Fagan Ave., Alton Park 10, Tenn.

If we would take people to heaven with us we should talk about the trip instead of the trials.

INSTITUTIONS—THEIR FUNCTIONS AND MOTIVES

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pend on their parents to always make a way for them. When night comes the children should be at home, unless they have good reason to be elsewhere. When Sunday comes they should be in Sunday School and church. They should learn to respect the house of God and the Word of God. Children should be truthful, honest, and kind. They should be courteous, and especially so to old people. Children should practice clean and healthful habits. All this they will do if they honor and obey their parents.

Now let us discuss the **MOTIVE** of the home. Perhaps there are few who qualify along this line, but nevertheless self-sacrifice should be the motive of every home. There are so many things that demand sacrifice, and every member of the family should be ready and willing to sacrifice for the good of any other member. There are so many homes where the children are not only denied the teaching of self-sacrifice, but they are taught selfishness to the nth degree. As long as there are homes where selfishness, greed, lust and vice are taught, there will always be some mothers' boys and girls to fill jails, penitentiaries, harlot dens, pool rooms, untimely graves, and, last but not least, hell. There is but one remedy for these things, and that is to teach children the love of God, the first principle of which is self-sacrifice. A home that does not have self-sacrifice for its motive, will have to reap the bitter fruit of selfishness.

(This is the first of five articles on this subject. The next four will be on "The Church," "The Schools," "The Government," and "The Business Enterprises.")

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

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In a wonderful way. Hallelujah. Dinner was served picnic style on the large lawn at the pastor's home. The afternoon service was truly a time of shouting, dancing and speaking in tongues as we gathered for the Lord's supper and feet washing. God honors humble and obedient children of His and we were made to sit in heavenly places with Christ. Praise the Lord.

In the evening the Y.P.E. took over and then the evangelistic message by Sister Hill. There were three additions to the church and more in view, for which we thank the Lord. Pray for

our little church here.—Rev. and Mrs. Ross Hill, pastors, Rt. 1, Detroit Lakes, Minn.

WHAT IS THAT?

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Too many homes have a piano that should have a hickory switch. God wants your children. Remember that still the hand that rocks the cradle can rule the world. Where is the family altar? Where is family worship? God bids you, fathers and mothers, to consecrate your children and rear them to His service. He has lent them to you, and will hold you to strict accounting for the manner in which you bring them up. Many parents today are inviting disaster and terrible suffering on their children and themselves, to say nothing of the punishment of Almighty God, by neglecting the moral and religious training of their children.

What is that in thine hand, weeping woman? Oh, it is but a small alabaster box of fragrant ointment. Give it to God. Break it, pour it upon the Savior's head and its sweet perfume will fill the Church today with its grateful odor—love and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Have you not some choice grace you have kept out of sight . . . something you can bring out and use for the Master's sake? To give it to Him is the best way to save it. To break your alabaster box is the only way to let the fragrance out. Crushed roses alone can bring forth perfume. Only broken and contrite spirits can glorify God.

What is that in thine hand, diligent Dorcas? "My needle!" she answers. Use it. Use it for God, and those coats and garments keep multiplying and they are giving warmth to those who are cold, and clothing the needy and naked still is one of the commandments of the Lord. There is no end to the things that fell from the needle of Dorcas to relieve the distressed of her community.

In all cases our lesson is the same. It is that God wants us to serve Him just now and to use the things we just now happen to have. Moses and Shagar, David, the weeping woman, the small lad, the poor widow, and Dorcas, all accomplished great things for God, but they would not have done so had they failed to use the things they had at the moment. The same faithfulness on the part of all of God's people and the world in this hour will win many to Him before it is too late. Let us not be too late and

sorry. May we not be slothful but up and about the Master's business. Arise, shine, for the glory of the Lord seeks to be about and upon thee!

SO-CALLED CONTRADICTIONS IN THE BIBLE EXPLAINED

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ing in John 3:13 that no man had ever ascended up to heaven if He Himself had not. He meant that Nicodemus must take His word for heavenly things, since He had been in heaven and knew the truth, that Nicodemus must be born again.

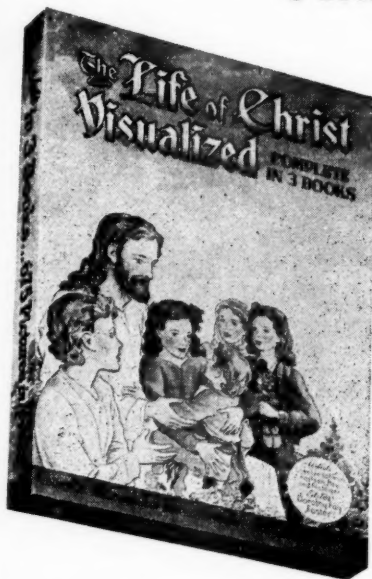
4. Your misunderstanding of Judges 1:19 seems childish. "And the Lord was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron." But the "he" refers to Judah and not to the Lord. The meaning is, Judah drove out the inhabitants of the mountain, but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron. If you had only looked in the seventeenth verse, two verses above, you would have seen that the singular pronoun is used referring to Judah; "and Judah went with Simeon his brother." The Lord was with Judah, and Judah drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but Judah could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley because they had chariots of iron. God could have done so, but God gave Judah only temporary and limited help, because of that tribe's sins. You must have wanted very badly to find something wrong with the Bible, to accept that without any investigation whatever, as a fault in the Word of God.

5. You are puzzled, you say, by Ecclesiastes 3:19, 20, which says, "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no pre-eminence above a beast: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again." You think that contradicts the plain statements of Daniel 12:2 which says some will be resurrected to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Again, your trouble is lack of investigation. Further study would have shown you the following: The book of Ecclesiastes clearly and repeatedly professes to speak only regarding this life, and of the things "under the sun," as seen

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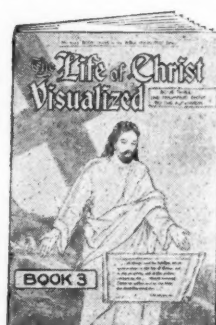
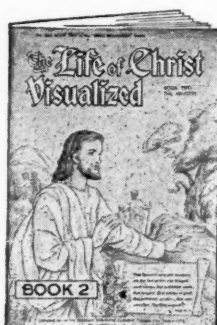
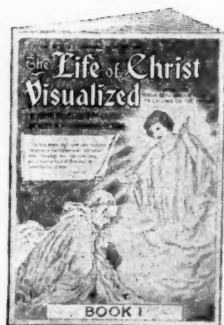
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